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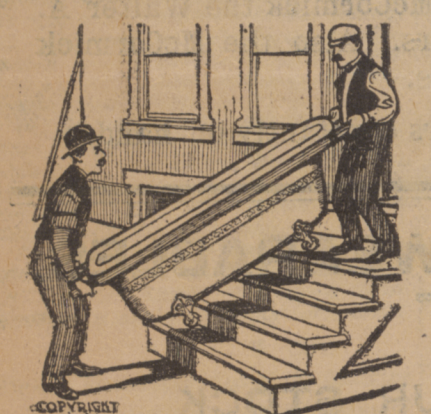
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Clothing in His Valise Alleged to Have Blood Stains

Thomas Francis Collins, accused of the murder of Miss Mary Ann McAulay at New Ireland, Albert Co., a week ago, is now safely lodged in the central police station, St. John. The prisoner was driven to that city, the fifty miles from St. George, arriving in St. John at half past three Sunday afternoon. An immense crowd was collected on King Street east when the party arrived, and as Collins was taken out of the carriage and handed over to Deputy Jenkins, the people surged forward to see the man accused of the horrible crime. The prisoner did not show much concern in his unenviable position, but looked around in the most unconcerned manner, not at all in attempted bravado, but he viewed the mob as if he was a spectator and not its central figure. As the carriage which contained Chief Clark, Detective Killen and himself approached the crowd around the station the prisoner remarked with a smile that the people seemed to be expecting Barnum's caravans.

The disposal of Collins now rests with the attorney general, and Dr. Pugsley, when informed of the capture, said that he would telegraph to Father McAulay and to the sheriff of Albert Co., to come to the city. Father McAulay will identify the prisoner, while the sheriff will probably take him to Albert Co., where he will be tried. Attorney General Pugsley said last night that he would himself conduct the prosecution.

The prisoner has recovered in health from his trying pursuit and looks in the pink of condition. His captors are not at all vicious, and one could hardly imagine him the author of such a foul deed as that with which he is charged. He is very much as he has been previously described. He wore the handkerchief around his neck, the little cap and hood stained boots all according to the description. He was clean shaven with the exception of the growth of two or three days.

Quickly taken from the carriage, he was led in the office of the deputy chief with whom he remained closeted the greater part of the day. His capture was, however, taken out that photographs might be made. To the photographers, he proved a willing and obliging subject. During the drive from St. George, it was not thought necessary to handcuff the prisoner, and to the officers he talked most freely, telling the history of his stay in Albert Co. His story as he persistently told it was that he had quarrelled with Miss McAulay on Monday morning and set out, leaving her in perfect health. The officers allowed him to rattle on, in hope that by a slip of the tongue he would give his secret away but the prisoner, as frankly as he seemed to speak, made no such break. During the trip up the prisoner was most cheerful, he ate well and slept soundly. He has a good education, proved to have a good voice and delighted the officers with his songs, which were principally those of the sea.

The brown square valise, which the prisoner left at Musquash was also brought up by the chief last night. It proved to contain a lot of handkerchiefs, about a dozen in all, some never used, some matches and a pair of underdrawers considerably worn, thoroughly wet. The gentlemen's clothing were such as the prisoner would have no use for, being too large for him and of Scotch lambs wool, apparently such as Father McAulay would himself use. The principal interest, according to Chief Clark seems to centre in the finding of this piece of wet underclothing. In answer to the chief the prisoner said that he got it wet in the rain. On this piece of clothing

are some dark brown stains, suspiciously like blood.

Detective Killen gives great credit to Mr. Sullivan and the three with him who held the prisoner till he drove up and made the arrest. The St. George people had put Collins in their team, but at once passed him over. The detective, stepping up to him, said, "Do you know who I am?" He answered that he did not. "Well," said the detective, "I am Detective Killen of the St. John police force, and arrest you on a telegram for the murder of Mary Ann McAulay."

Collins dropped as if shot, into the arms of the detective, grasping his throat with his hands and collapsing generally. He was in a state of starvation, and at a nearby farm house, where he was taken, eagerly ate some cake and drank two glasses of milk. At first it was thought he was going to die, and a doctor was summoned. He was told to take off his boots and his feet were bathed. He soon fell into a deep sleep, and was greatly refreshed. Mr. Burns, aged thirty, of Montreal, tramping up to Norton for work and Joseph Burke, aged 24, of Shediac, on his way to Moncton, where he has a wife and family, the two suspects arrested at the request of Chief Clark, Pugsley, and Mr. Rothesay, were released Saturday at noon.

COLLINS' STORY.

The story which Collins has told both to his captors during their long drive to the city and to the police officers after his arrival in St. John, was given willingly and without contradiction.

The prisoner says that he was born at Liverpool, England, in 1885, and became of age on Aug. 9th last. He comes of Irish parentage. His father is dead, having been killed by falling down stairs. There were about six of his mother he does not know. In religion he is a Roman Catholic. He is unmarried.

For the last four or five years he has been a sailor and has sailed every sea. Previous to this visit he has often been to Amherst and talks intelligently about New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, and other seaports. The years ago he was in St. John, having come there in the Numidian of the Allan line. On this trip he came from Liverpool three months ago on the steamer Dominion to Montreal. From Montreal he tramped all the way down through Quebec and New Brunswick to Amherst. While looking for work, a man offered him employment on a scow going to St. Mary's Point. When this job was completed and he had been paid off, he tramped through the country until he was engaged by Father McAulay at New Ireland.

Against his late employer, Father McAulay, the prisoner would say nothing, but Miss McAulay, he said, was continually "nagging, nagging at me," and he admitted that he had quarrelled with her.

The prisoner gave more minutely the story of the last few days before the murder. On Thursday (August 16th) he was out fishing on the lake known as the Father McAulay lake, on which A. J. Gross of St. John, and other gentlemen have a camp. He was with Mr. Gross and his family the greater part of the day. The fish were not biting well, and when he returned with only four fish, Miss McAulay told him he had been loafing, "wasting his time instead of fishing." "You had no right to stay away all day and bring home only four fish." She said no word to him while the priest was there, but while he was absent she was continually charging him with this and that. At the request of Father McAulay he took a horse that night to Mr. Duffy, a next neighbor, and upon his return Miss McAulay again accused him of laziness, and said that he should not get any tea.

On Friday morning Father McAulay went away with the mail, and conditions became even more unbearable. He, however, did the work about the house, attending to the stables, etc. In the afternoon he went around to the house of Mr. Williamson, a neighbor.

On Saturday morning he went again to the house of Mr. Duffy to get the horse for Mr. Gross. He returned without the horse as that family had not arisen, which he told Miss McAulay on his arrival. She said again that I was taking my time. And when I told her that Mr. Duffy was not up she said I was a liar, as Mr. Duffy always got up early. I went in and had breakfast, and when she scolded me again I told her I would tell Father McAulay when he came home. When he finished his breakfast he again looked after the horses, chopping the wood and did the other work about the house.

At 11.30 the Gross party came and he assisted them in different ways, driving with part of the baggage. He also held the team while they went up to dinner. When Mr. Gross came

out he gave prisoner a dollar bill, telling him to give fifty cents to Mr. Duffy, which was still owing him.

"When they drove away," continued the prisoner, "she wished to know how much Mr. Gross had given me. I told her a dollar, fifty cents of which was to go to Mr. Duffy. 'Are you going to pay him?' she asked me and I told her I was."

On Saturday evening the team finally came with Mrs. Williamson and daughter to go fishing at the lake. Prisoner and Miss McAulay accompanied them and the lake was reached at half-past seven in the evening. Miss McAulay told prisoner to make ready the fire to prepare for the tea, which he did. Everett Tean and he went on the lake. At eight o'clock the party went to bed, but he talked till 10.30. Miss McAulay and Mrs. Williamson talked the greater part of the night. Just before falling asleep he looked at his watch and it was ten minutes after ten. They had been talking steadily up to that time.

FISHING ON SUNDAY.

At 5.30 the next morning (Sunday) Mr. Tean, Everett and he went fishing on the lake and in a short while caught two dozen. They returned to find breakfast unprepared, and Everett and he returned to the lake. They came back and had breakfast. At half-past nine Mr. Tean, Everett and he again went fishing, remaining until eleven o'clock, when the ladies went fishing for a time. By half-past two they were back to the priest's house. Mrs. Williamson remained there an hour. At four o'clock a prisoner says he went over to Mr. Duffy with the money and did not remain there five minutes, being back at 5.15. Miss McAulay told him before he went that if he was not back immediately he would get no tea, as she would let the fire go out. That evening he was over at Williamson's for an hour.

On Monday he was up at six o'clock, fed, cleaned and attended the horses as usual. Miss McAulay told him to go to town. "When the horse was all prepared she told me to unharness it again. She said that the stable was not properly cleaned."

"I told her," said the prisoner, "that she was making a fool of me, telling me to harness up the horse, and then not use it. Then she told me that she was not making a big fool of me as I was of her when I went to the lake on Thursday and was only able to catch four fish."

"I went in for a drink then, and she followed me in and said that it was absurd of me to say that I could only catch four fish when they had caught so many on Sunday."

"I told her I was going away, and at eight o'clock packed up my valise and went to Elgin, walking all the way. At five o'clock I left Elgin, walking at night to Petticoat, where I bought a ticket to St. John leaving at nine in the morning."

Collins thinks the horse which he left harnessed in the barn must have got out. He acknowledged meeting Father McAulay at Elgin and the conversation which he had with him there.

He arrived in St. John at two o'clock and went over to Carleton, having in his possession at that time seventy-five cents. He looked for work, but in vain. He spent that night four miles below John Martin (John the Greek).

On Wednesday morning he went to the mills looking for work, but not finding any started back again in the direction of St. John. About half-past five, however, he met young Dean, son of the proprietor of the hotel at Musquash, who asked him if he was looking for work and told him he could have it at his father's place. That night he spent at Musquash.

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